

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (Previously Presented) An electronic apparatus, comprising:
a main body;
a lid configured to open to an open position and to close to a closed position with respect to the main body;
a main display section provided on the lid at a position visible from an outside of the electronic apparatus in the open position of the lid;
an auxiliary display section provided on the main body at a position visible from the outside of the electronic apparatus regardless of whether the lid is in the open position, the closed position, or an intermediate position between the open position and the closed position;
a plurality of buttons provided on the main body, adjacent the auxiliary display section, at positions such that the plurality of buttons are operable regardless of whether the lid is in the open position, the closed position, or an intermediate position between the open position and the closed position; and
a controller configured to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons, within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to the respective plurality of buttons, depending on an operation mode of the electronic apparatus.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of buttons are all provided above or below the auxiliary display section.

4. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

5. (Previously Presented) A status display control apparatus for displaying status information of an electronic apparatus which includes a main body, a lid configured to open to an open position and to close to a closed position with respect to the main body, a main display section provided on the lid at a position visible from an outside of the electronic apparatus in the open position of the lid, an auxiliary display section provided on the main body at a position visible from the outside of the electronic apparatus regardless of whether the lid is in the open position, the closed position, or an intermediate position between the open position and the closed position, and a plurality of buttons provided on the main body, adjacent the auxiliary display section, said status display control apparatus comprising:

a controller configured to display status information in the auxiliary display section, and to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons, within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons, depending on an operation mode of the electronic apparatus, wherein the plurality of buttons are operable regardless of whether the lid is in the open position, the closed position, or an intermediate position between the open position and the closed position.

6. (Original) The status display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

7. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to display status information of an electronic apparatus which includes a main body, a lid configured to open to an open position and to close to a closed position with respect to the main body, a main display section provided on the lid at a position visible from an outside of the electronic apparatus in the open position of the lid, an auxiliary display section provided on the main body at a position visible from the outside of the electronic apparatus regardless of whether the lid is in the open position, the closed position, or an intermediate position between the open position and the closed position, and a plurality of buttons provided on the main body, adjacent the auxiliary display section, said program comprising:

a procedure causing the computer to write, to a register of the electronic apparatus, the status information that is to be displayed on the auxiliary display section; and

a control procedure causing the computer to display the status information in the auxiliary display section, and to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons, within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons, depending on an operation mode of the electronic apparatus, wherein the plurality of buttons are operable regardless of whether the lid is in the open position, the closed position, or an intermediate position between the open position and the closed position.

8. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 7, wherein said operation mode includes at least two modes selected from a group consisting of a one-touch mode, a password input mode, a mail mode, a mode which uses a portable recording medium, and a news mode.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

another auxiliary display section that is covered by the lid when the lid is closed.

11. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the main body accommodates the controller, said lid member is pivotally mounted on the main body, and another auxiliary display section is provided on the main body or the lid member.

12. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the lid is mounted to the main body for rotation between the opened and closed positions thereof.

13. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the main display is mounted on a main surface of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, opposes a corresponding main surface of the main body.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The status display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

another auxiliary display section that is covered by the lid when the lid is closed.

16. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the main body accommodates the controller, said lid member is pivotally mounted on the main body, and another auxiliary display section is provided on the main body or the lid member.

17. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the lid is mounted to the main body for rotation between the opened and closed positions thereof.

18. (Original) The status display control apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:
the main display is mounted on a main surface of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, opposes a corresponding main surface of the main body.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, further comprising:
another auxiliary display section that is covered by the lid when the lid is closed.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the main body accommodates the controller, said lid member is pivotally mounted on the main body, and another auxiliary display section is provided on the main body or the lid member.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the lid is mounted to the main body for rotation between the opened and closed positions thereof.

23. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 22, wherein:
the main display is mounted on a main surface of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, opposes a corresponding main surface of the main body.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the plurality of buttons are positioned above and/or below the auxiliary display section.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of buttons are positioned above and/or below the auxiliary display section.

27. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the main and auxiliary display sections and the plurality of buttons are visible from a common viewing position in the opened position of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons remain visible from the common viewing position.

28. (Previously Presented) The status display control apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the main and auxiliary display sections and the plurality of buttons are visible from a common viewing position in the opened position of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons remain visible from the common viewing position.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 7, wherein the main and auxiliary display sections and the plurality of buttons are visible from a common viewing position in the opened position of the lid and, in the closed position of the lid, the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons remain visible from the common viewing position.

30-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of buttons include a mode select button configured to instruct the operation mode of the electronic apparatus and a plurality of instruction buttons having instructing contents that differ depending on the operation mode of the electronic apparatus.

33. (Previously Presented) The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an ASIC register configured to store display information to be displayed on the auxiliary display section;

a high-speed bus configured to couple the ASIC register and the auxiliary display section, and to transfer graphic data to the auxiliary display section; and

a character display interface configured to transfer font data to the auxiliary display section via the controller.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 7, said program further comprising:

a procedure causing the computer to carry out an arbitration of messages from an application layer of a higher level.